

Southwest Highlands

Including Ben Nevis, Glen Coe and the rest of Lochaber, Argyll including the Isles, Loch Lomond, Trossachs and Arran

Forecast valid from 00:00 on Saturday 06 Nov 2021 until 23:59 on Sunday 07 Nov 2021

Forecast Issued on Friday 05 Nov 2021 at 14:10 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High for the main themes with very unsettled and windy conditions through the weekend. A brief respite then more rain early next week but lower confidence for timings and extent.

Headline for Saturday 06 Nov 2021: Very windy. Heavy rain then showers, turning wintry on the tops.

Mountain weather hazards on Saturday 06 Nov 2021

Blizzards

Low Likelihood

Heavy Snow

No Likelihood

Storm force winds

Medium Likelihood

Gales

High Likelihood

Severe chill effect

Medium Likelihood

Poor visibility

High Likelihood

Thunderstorms

Low Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain

High Likelihood

Strong sunlight

No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m

Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
							
Heavy Rain	Heavy Rain	Heavy Rain	Heavy Rain	Heavy Rain	Sleet showers	Heavy snow showers (night)	Heavy snow showers (night)
Precipitation probability							
90%	90%	>95%	>95%	>95%	60%	60%	60%

Forecast for Saturday 06 Nov 2021

Weather: Rain, heavy and persistent during the morning, combined with strong winds to give drenching conditions. Rain clearing east early afternoon then bright or clear spells and showers, some heavy and possibly thundery. The showers turning to snow above 800m in the afternoon then 600m in the evening.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: Less than 10% in morning becoming 60% in afternoon.

Visibility: Poor in the morning with extensive cloud and fog above 400 or 500m. Good between showers in the afternoon with cloud lifting at times but poor in showers with occasional blizzard conditions on the tops later.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	31/39 SW	35/45 SW	38/49 SW	52/67 S	45/60 SW	42/57 W	46/61 W	48/66 W	51/70 W
900	22/30 SW	26/35 SW	27/38 SW	33/47 SW	33/47 SW	30/44 W	31/46 W	35/52 W	38/57 W
600	28/36 SW	30/39 SW	36/46 SW	47/61 S	38/51 SW	36/49 W	37/52 W	39/55 W	41/59 W
300	13/20 SW	15/24 SW	20/32 SW	25/40 S	20/34 SW	21/35 W	21/37 W	22/36 W	23/40 W
Glen	9/22 SW	10/23 SW	15/31 SW	19/39 SW	19/41 SW	18/38 W	19/41 W	18/39 W	20/43 W

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	2/-6	2/-6	2/-6	2/-6	5/-2	1/-8	-1/-11	-2/-12	-2/-13
900	4/-2	4/-2	4/-2	4/-2	7/1	4/-3	2/-6	1/-7	1/-8
600	6/0	6/0	6/0	7/0	9/4	6/-0	4/-3	4/-4	3/-4
300	8/4	8/4	8/4	9/4	11/7	8/4	6/2	6/1	6/0
Glen	10/7	10/8	10/7	10/7	13/10	10/7	8/5	8/4	8/3
Freezing Level*	1500m	1500m	1700m	2600m	2100m	1200m	1000m	900m	900m

*Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View

A very unsettled day with severe gales or storm force winds making safe travel very difficult on the tops.

Forecast for Sunday 07 Nov 2021

Weather: Mainly cloudy with outbreaks of rain, falling as sleet or snow above 700m, but drier across southern Argyll and Trossachs. Very windy at height with storm force winds making mobility almost impossible on the tops in the morning. Rain, summit snow and winds will ease through the afternoon and evening. Clear spells and a grass frost overnight.

Maximum wind: West or Northwest 50 to 60mph with gusts 80mph in morning, easing to 20 to 30mph in the afternoon. Sudden unexpected downslope gusts on lee slopes.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 40 to 60%.

Visibility: Often poor on the tops in the morning with occasional cloud above 600 or 700m. Improving through the afternoon with cloud lifting from most summits.

Temperature: **Glens:** Plus 6C rising to 8C.
At 800m: Plus 1 or 2C.
Freezing level: 900m.